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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Suspicious and Spies

Permit me to reply to Sen. Daniel Moynihan's letter in the Post of Nov. 6. I willingly affirm that (not for want of effort on my part) the senator was not one of those who discussed with me the suspicion that an American official may have been involved in compromising a spy in Moscow. ["The Conspiracy to Create Traitors," Outlook, Oct. 25/72]

What Sen. Moynihan did do was to call for an investigation by the Senate Intelligence Committee in a publicized letter that cited a 15-month-old article in the London Daily Telegraph, which had gone generally unnoticed in this country. The article stated that an American agent may have lost his life because of a leak by a "senior official of the National Security Council."

The writer of the article, Robert Moss, is co-author of a novel, "The Spike," which went further to portray a deputy director of the NSC as a "principal agent" of the KGB.

If Sen. Moynihan did not understand the suspicions about an official he was helping to promote, he is less subtle and sophisticated than generally believed.

Would it be repelling to ask whether Sen. Moynihan, having publicized his letter to the Senate Intelligence Committee, will also publicize the result of the committee's inquiry to the CIA on the subject?

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